

REMARKS

Applicants file this continuation reissue application based on co-pending reissue application Serial No. 09/038,324. Claims 1-74 issued in the original patent. Applicants cancel without prejudice claims 2-74. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claim 1 will be pending and claims 2-74 cancelled without prejudice. Applicants intend to submit a Supplementary Preliminary Amendment prior to the first substantive examination of this application.

To the Specification

Applicants amend the specification as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.177(a) to provide notice that more than one reissue application has been filed along with the appropriate identification of the other reissue application. Applicants submit no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Applicants also amend the specification as previously done in the immediately prior reissue application (a copy of which was filed in this case), to correct spelling, typographical and/or grammatical errors. See the copy of the application as filed with the handwritten amendments in columns 4, 7, 9, 12 and 13, and in the abstract. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments.

To the Claims

Applicants cancel without prejudice claims 2-74. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claim 1 will be pending.

It is noted that the original reissue application, of which this application is a continuation thereof, was filed with new claims 75-103. Because Applicants intend to submit a Supplementary Preliminary Amendment prior to the first substantive examination of this application to introduce new claims, claims 75-103 filed with the prior application were not filed with this application as they were not part of the original issued patent upon which subsequent amendments are based.


If the Patent Office has any questions with respect to this continuation reissue

application, it is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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